



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines, We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Earth Day Events

Earth Day is April 22, 2008. Many local governments in Virginia are planning Earth Day Celebrations in mid to late April. The Central Virginia Waste Management Authority has a list of events taking place throughout the Commonwealth. Go to: www.cvwma.com to find a list of Earth Day events or contact Nancy Drumheller, Public Relations Director, at ndrumheller@cvwma.com or (804) 359-8413 ext. 14.

Virginia Naturally also lists upcoming Earth Day events. Go to: <http://www.vanaturally.com/vanaturally/earthday.html> Or contact Ann Regn at amregn@deq.virginia.gov or (804) 698-4442.

Recognition for Schools that are "Going Green"

The Go Green Initiative recognizes schools around the nation that have "gone green." If there is a school in your jurisdiction that you would like to have recognized for being green, send an email to Amy Snyder at newsletter@gogreeninitiative.org. Tell her what the school is doing along with pictures of the students in action.

The Go Green Initiative also has a manual to assist schools (Kindergarten through University level) in getting started with recycling programs and composting. To download the manual, go to: www.gogreeninitiative.org/PDF/PlanningGuide.pdf

For more information about the Go Green Initiative, go to: <http://www.gogreeninitiative.org>

Web Links of Interest:

The Municipal Waste Management Association is an affiliate association of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. This website contains environmental and recycling information. Its target audience is municipal solid waste directors, environmental commissioners, and public works professionals. <http://www.usmayors.org/mwma/>

Check out the household environmental impact calculator and rating system that allows people to calculate their dwellings environmental impact. The **Low Impact Living** website offers suggestions for how individuals can reduce their carbon footprint. Go to: www.lowimpactliving.com

Did You Know?

- ✓ The Recycling Rate Report form for CY 2007 is available! Go to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/mandatory.html> to download a copy of the form and to get more information. **The report is due to the Office of Recycling and Litter Prevention by April 30, 2008.** Please contact Sheila Barnett at smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov or (804) 698-4055 or Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov or (804) 698-2389 if you have questions.
- ✓ The **Virginia Recycling Association** will be hosting a Plastics Workshop on May 19, 2008 at the Wyndham Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. Contact Erica Trout at Erica Trout at (804) 302-4231 or vra@vrarecycles.org
- ✓ The **Virginia Recycling Association** will be hosting a conference May 20 & 21 at the Wyndham Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. Registration must be received by April 14, 2008 to receive an early bird registration discount. For more information, visit the VRA webpage at: <http://www.vrarecycles.org/conference.htm> or contact Erica Trout at (804) 302-4231 or vra@vrarecycles.org
- ✓ The **Virginia Recycling Association** hosted a School Recycling Workshop on March 10, 2008. The VRA has posted the presentations from the speakers on their website. Go to: http://www.vrarecycles.org/school_workshop.htm

Roanoke City is Going Green and Clean

Last summer, Roanoke's Department of Solid Waste Management partnered with the schools to collect recyclable materials. In February alone, they collected 29 tons of materials! Sandra Mitchell's 5th grade class at Raleigh Court Elementary School does more than just recycle. They sing songs, make posters and perform skits to educate other students about the importance of recycling.

Even the largest businesses in Roanoke have come together to work on improving the environment. A dozen of Roanoke's employers formed an organization called the Roanoke Business Environmental Leadership Coalition. Their mission is to consider how they can adopt their operations to emphasize conservation, recycling, monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions and other green principles. Contact Skip Decker, Manager of Roanoke's Division of Solid Waste Management, at skip.decker@roanokeva.gov or (540) 853-6848

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Post Offices Promote Electronics Recycling Pilot Project

1,500 post offices in major U.S. cities and in Northern Virginia are providing mail back envelopes to customers for free for the collection of small pieces of ewaste including cell phones, empty printer cartridges, obsolete digital cameras, etc.

The collected items are going to Clover Technologies in Illinois where the items are rehabbed for resale or the materials mined. If the pilot project is successful, it may be made available to all post offices in the United States in the fall of 2008.

For more information about the postal electronics collection program, go to:

http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2008/pr08_028.htm or contact Joanne Veto, United States Postal Service, at joanne.m.veto@usps.gov or (202)268-3118.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has several webpages dedicated to information about ewaste. The websites have information about where items can be taken or sent to be recycled. Go to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/ecycling/>

Lifecycle Building Challenge

The Lifecycle Building Challenge (LFC) recognizes that the purpose of a building may change and thus, the design of the building may need to be altered or reconstructed. LFC encourages building designers to plan for change and build the buildings so that they can easily be deconstructed and the materials can be more easily used for another purpose on site or close by.

LFC is sponsoring a national competition for students and professionals to design whole buildings, or components, tools, and policies for building new structures. Winners can be recognized for the best school, best residential, or the best greenhouse reduction entry. As part of the competition, the contestants will be asked to measure their construction and demolition reduction and greenhouse gas reductions.

For more information, go to: <http://www.lifecyclebuilding.org/> Or email: info@lifecyclebuilding.org.

Upcoming Recycling Events:

April

The **Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA)** has 10 single day recycling collections scheduled for their jurisdictions in Central Virginia in April and May. For a list of events, locations, and what is being accepted, go to:

http://www.cvwma.com/recycling_programs/electronics_wbp or call the Recycling Hotline at (804) 340-0900.

12 City of Martinsville and Henry County, Household Hazardous Waste Day 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Henry County Administration Building Parking Lot. Contact The Gateway Streetscape Foundation at (276) 634-4674 or gateway@co.henry.va.us

12 R-Board of Stafford County is hosting a Shred-a-Thon at the Regional Landfill in Stafford. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact Julie May at (540) 658-4579 or jmay@co.stafford.va.us

Upcoming Recycling Events Continued:

12 & 23 Frederick County recycling. Nearly everything with a cord will be accepted at the regional landfill. Contact Gloria Puffinburger at (540) 665-5643 or gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us

14 - 18 Norfolk Electronics Recycling Day, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Wal Mart at 7530 Tidewater Drive. Residents are invited to bring VHS Beta tapes, DVDs, CD's, video games, etc to be exchanged or donated or recycled. Contact Holly Carson at holly.carson@norfolk.gov or (757) 441-1347.

19 Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE). 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Collection of Household hazardous materials, bikes, small metal items, electronic equipment, shoes and eyeglasses. Compost bins will be for sale too. Go to <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/environmentalservices/environmentalservicesenvex.aspx> or call (703) 228-6570

19 Chesterfield County, Celebrate our Earth Event. Chesterfield Towne Center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Includes an recycling collection and document shredding from 9 a.m. – 2p.m. Information about composting, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Recycling, storm water management, energy management, and alternative Fuels. Contact the Office of Environmental Management at (804) 717-6531.

19 Norfolk Electronics Recycling Day, WHRO parking lot (Hampton Blvd. & 49th Street) from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. In addition to accepting electronics for recycling, there will be a media swap. Residents are invited to bring VHS Beta tapes, DVDs, CD's, video games, etc to be exchanged or donated or recycled. Contact Holly Carson at holly.carson@norfolk.gov or (757) 441-1347.

19 Stafford County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Contact Julie May at jmay@co.stafford.va.us or (540) 658-4579.

May

23 Frederick County Community Shred 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Williams' Recycling/Southern Scrap, 370 Stine Lane. Contact Gloria Puffinburger at (540) 665-5643 or gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us

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